THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) : (a) In terms of regulation 28 of ONGC (Terms and Conditions of appointment and Service) Regulations, 1975, no person who has retired from the service of the Commission shall accept any appointment or post whether administrative or advisory in any firm or company whether Indian or foreign with which the Commission has or is likely to have or had business relations, within 2 years from the date of his retirement, without prior approval of the Commission.

A list of officers who after their retirement have taken up jobs during the last two years with various firms with prior approval of the competent authority in ONGC, is given in the statement (*See* below). The list also includes 2 ex-officers who, ONGC has come to know, have taken employment in private firms without the approval of the competent authority of ONGC. The details of officers who have taken commercial employment after the stipulated period of two years are not known, as they are not required to take permission of the competent authority for accepting such employment.

(b) Approval for accepting commercial employment by the retired officers of ONGC is accorded after ensuring that the individuals concerned had no business dealings with the firm/company or behalf of the Commission at the time of their retirement and the preceding two years ONGC has no information regarding the emoluments offered by the new employer.

(c) Instructions have been issued for strict compliance of ONGC (Conduct, Discipline and Appeal) Regulations 1976. An ex-employee who has not completed with the provisions of these regulations will be treated as *persona-non-grata* and no serving employee could have any formal dealing with him except with the express permission of his controlling officer. The controlling officers will also be accountable for any breach of the instructions on the part of employees reporting to them Suitable action has been taken by ONGC against its two ex-officers who have taken employment in private firm after their retirement from ONGC without the approval of the competent authority of ONGC.

Statement

Names of officers who have been permitted by ONGC to take commercial employment after retirement

S. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Shri M.D. Nautiyal	Group General Manager (D)
2.	Shri Krishna Kant	General Manager (Expln)
3.	Shri N.N. Sharma	Dy. General Manager (D)
4.	Shri S.I. Singhal	Jt. Director (P&A)
5.	Shri M.D. Joshi	Suptdg. Engr. (D)
6.	Shri R. Surulinathan	General Manager (Geol)
7.	Brig. K.P.S. Dhillon	General Manager (MM) *
8.	Shri S.N. Bose	Supdtdg. Chemist *

* Have taken employment without approval of ONGC's competent authority.

Profit earned by Oil

867. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) what was the estimated amount of profit earned by OIL during 1986-87,

(b) whether the profit earned during 1986-87 is less than the profit earned during the preceding year and if so, by how much and the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to remove the draw-backs in this organisation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) : (a) The pre-tax profit of Oil India Limited (OIL) for the year 1986-87 was Rs 90.06 crores.

(b) and (c) The before tax profit of OIL for 1986-87 was lower by Rs. 27.20 crores as compared to the year 1985-86 mainly on account of the following factors :

(i) increase in depreciation on account of substantial capital additions.

(ii) increase in amortisation of exploration expenditure on account of step-up in exploratory activities.

(iii) increase in cost of production of crude oil and natural gas due to the increased requirement of inputs from the ageing oil fields.

(iv) increase in cost due to general inflation.

(v) frequent bandhs and strikes and general disturbed industrial climate in North Eastern region

OIL is taking necessary steps to contain the rising cost by improving operational efficiency in drilling and production functions, by controlling administrative revenue expenditure and tone up management and administration It is expected that the productivity of the Company will improve with improvement in law and order situation in Assam.

Recommendations of the working group on private sector participation in power production

868. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 22 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th July, 1987 and state :

(a) whether Government have since accepted the recommendations of the working group set up to examine the modalities of participation by the private sector in power production; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the recommendations made by the group and Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) and (b) The Report of the Working Group is receiving consideration of government.

Public sector drug units in West Bengal

869. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of public sector drug units in West Bengal and what are the details of their capital and production by each unit during the last three years as also of their profit or loss account;

(b) whether any marketing strategy has been evolved for these drug units;

(c) whether production of several popular products manufactured by these units has been stopped;

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) what are the names of the popular Cosmetic products the production of which has been discontinued by M/s. Smith Stanistreet Pharmaceuticals Limited, Calcutta ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) A statement is attached (*See* below).

(b) As a part of their Rehabilitation plans, these companies have been instructed to re-orient their marketing strategies so as to ensure fulfilment of their sales targets and to attain higher market share. For this purpose promotional efforts are being given a new thrust.

(c) and (d) After review of their product mix, production of a few items was discontinued from time to time mainly on account of (i) low volume of sales due to dwindling demand and (ii) negative returns in some cases.

(e) Smith Stanistreet Pharmaceuticals Limited stopped production of the following cosmetic products long back :

Lolita Telcum powder, Smith Cantheridine hair tonic, Teamc After Shave Lotion, Lanapage Audecoloque, Esude Coloque, Lavender Boquette, Eaude Toilet.